

# In the World...Not of the World

John 17:6-19

## John 17:6

**Manifest:** Render apparent, expose to view. Make known, visible, manifestly declare. Put on display

**Thy name:** whole person....reputation, authority, character.

To manifest God's name-- reveal essential nature of God

**to the men which thou gavest me out of the world:**

Moment we are born we belong to God

Moment we are born-again we belong to Christ.

We are all God's by means of the creation.

In order to go to heaven we must belong to Christ

**thine they were, and thou gavest them me...**

These men were yours and you gave them to me.

**Kept:** watch, guard, fulfill, observe, obey

**Word:** The declarations of God.

Jesus glorified God

Disciples obeyed the Word.

## John 17:7

**Now they have known--**come to complete understanding

## John 17:8

Jesus gave--the Word

**Word:** rhema--spoken word. Words which impact....

Response of disciples:

- Receive
- Know
- Believe

## John 17:9

His priority in prayer--disciples.

## John 17:10-11

When speaking of Himself--calls the Lord, Father.

When speaking of disciples--calls the Lord, Holy Father.

**but these are in the world,** System of philosophy and belief contrary to Jesus.

Why Jesus come? To call out of the world a people for His name.

**keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me,** Protect them by the power of your name.

**that they may be one, as we are.** Protect these believers in order that they might experience a oneness of spirit like you and I have, Father.

Hughes: *The more the disciples understood the attributes and character of God, the more they experienced unity.*

Thomas Brookes: *For wolves to worry the lambs is no wonder, but for one lamb to worry another, this is unnatural and monstrous.* I.D.E.Thomas, Puritan Quotations (Chicago: Moody, 1975), p.304

Romans 12:5 1 Corinthians 1:10

J.B. Priestley *We are members of one body. We are responsible for each other. And the time will soon come when, if men will not learn that lesson, then they will be taught it in fire and blood and anguish.* 18th century scientist. Men of Integrity, Vol. 1, no. 1.

1 Peter 3:8

David McGinnis: *...and on Thursday morning at eleven, our Women Against Evolution, Day Care Centers, Beards, Guitars, and Humorous Messages on the Pastor's Answering Machine will hold their weekly Bible study.*

Matthew 18:19 Philippians 2:2 Philippians 4:2

Bret Legg: *Now, while the instruments play, please shake hands with two people who aren't in your clique.* Leadership, Vol. 13, no. 1.

### John 17:12

Jesus, while on earth with His disciples, protected them.

Phillips: *He came to their rescue at the foot of the mount of transfiguration, when the powerless disciples were confronted by a distressed Father, a demoniac boy, and a deriding world (Matt 17:14-21). He came to their rescue when an official investigated their tax status (Matt 17:24-27). He would come to their rescue that very night, when Judas arrived with the mob (Jn 18:7-9)*

**Lost:** a word expressing final and hopeless eternal destruction. Destroyed,

**Son of perdition:** The utterly lost one. The one designated to destruction and perishing.

**Perdition:** destruction, perishing.

Jn 6:70-71 John 13:2 John 13:18

Prophecy in Psalm 41:9

John 13:27 ... *And after the sop Satan entered into him.*

Probably comforting to disciples to know Jesus acknowledging the sovereignty of God in this.

### John 17:13

**And now come I to thee** ... *I am coming to thee*

**Fulfilled:** to cram full. Be replete.

Filled to the brim with your joy.

### Joy

Joy--the fruit of a right relation with God.

Joy is a byproduct of a person's walk with God? Gal. 5:22

Acts 8:8 Acts 13:52 Psalms 51:8 Psalms 51:12

In the midst of trouble and persecution: Matthew 5:12

In the midst of suffering...Rom 5:3-5

1 Pet. 1:6-8 James 1:2

### John 17:

Effect of Word:

1. Joy on behalf of the disciples
2. Hatred on behalf of the world.

...**because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.**

Not necessarily because of what the Christian does or says but because of what the Christian is.

Different heart

Different view

New nature.

Inward desire to love God and hate sin.

### John 17:15

In the world but not of the world.

**that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.** They will be tempted to sin.

Keep them pure. Let them not sin.

### John 17:16

We are aliens.

We belong to a different world.

Delivered from the power of darkness, and translated into the kingdom of his dear Son: Colossians 1:13

When tempted to sin-- claim our citizenship.

**Phillips:** *The world likes to reduce everything to its own mediocrity. It demands conformity. It likes to reduce everything to room temperature. We are not to be too hot or too cold. We are not to rock the boat. If we do, the world will turn nasty....Jesus rocked the boat; he refused to conform. The world could not pour him into its mold. He was too good, too clever, too brave, too honest, too different. So the world murdered him. Now it reaches out its bloodstained hand to us. We are expected to shake hands with the world over the blood of Jesus. ...Sooner or later the world will treat us as it treated him, and for the same reasons...*

### John 17:17

**Hend:** Keep them from the one, and confirm them in the other.

**Sanctify:** separate, consecrate, set apart, pure and holy.

**Through thy truth:** by means of thy truth

**Truth:** the facts of God's Word

**thy word is truth.**

**Phillips:** *Let us get it into our hearts that what God has to say about everything is true—absolutely and not relatively, completely and not partially, vitally and not incidentally. ....the Word of God has a transforming virtue about it.*

I am choosing to be set apart from the world and governed by the truth of God.

**Morris:** *Sanctification Is not effected apart from the divine revelation.*

**John 17:18** *As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.*

Christ's mission: sent into the world.

Our mission: sent into the world.

Our attitude toward the world not that of isolation or withdrawal.

Separated--not isolated

**Hughes:** *We are all susceptible to this. It is possible to go womb to tomb in a hermetically sealed container with fish stickers. ....We need to ask ourselves honestly if we have functionally removed ourselves from the world. Christ prays that we will not.*

**John 17:19**

**For their sakes.** On behalf of them...

***I sanctify myself.*** Dedicate myself to the cross.

***that they also might be sanctified through the truth.***

Life message

## So What?

**John 17:6** Mark of a true disciple: Obedience to the Word

**John 17:11** One spirit. One essence! One purpose! One goal!

**John 17:13** Filled to the brim with your joy.

**John 17:14** Effect of the word:

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**John 17:17**

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**John 17:18**

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